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Fill in this information to identify your case:		
United States Bankruptcy Court for the:		
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS		
Case number (if known)	Chapter you are filing under:	
	Chapter 7	
	☐ Chapter 11	
	☐ Chapter 12	
	☐ Chapter 13	Check if this an amended filing

Official Form 101

Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy

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The bankruptcy forms use you and Debtor 1 to refer to a debtor filing alone. A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*—and in joint cases, these forms use you to ask for information from both debtors. For example, if a form asks, "Do you own a car," the answer would be yes if either debtor owns a car. When information is needed about the spouses separately, the form uses *Debtor 1* and *Debtor 2* to distinguish between them. In joint cases, one of the spouses must report information as *Debtor 1* and the other as *Debtor 2*. The same person must be *Debtor 1* in all of the forms.

Be as complete and accurate as possible. If two married people are filing together, both are equally responsible for supplying correct information. If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet to this form. On the top of any additional pages, write your name and case number (if known). Answer every question.

Pa	rt 1:	Identify Yourself		
			About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):
1.	You	r full name		
yo pic	Writ	e the name that is on	Joann	
	pictu	government-issued ure identification (for mple, your driver's	First name	First name
	licer	nse or passport).	Middle name	Middle name
	Brin	g your picture	Smith	
	mee	tification to your ting with the trustee.	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)	Last name and Suffix (Sr., Jr., II, III)
2.		other names you have d in the last 8 years		
		ude your married or den names.		
3.	you nun Indi	y the last 4 digits of r Social Security nber or federal vidual Taxpayer ntification number	xxx-xx-5401	

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4. Any business names and Employer Identification Numbers (EIN) you have used in the last 8 years		About Debtor 1:	About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):		
		■ I have not used any business name or EINs.	☐ I have not used any business name or EINs.		
	Include trade names and doing business as names	Business name(s)	Business name(s)		
		EINs	EINs		
5.	Where you live		If Debtor 2 lives at a different address:		
		368 North Hamlin Avenue #RB2 Chicago, IL 60624			
		Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code		
		Cook County	County		
		If your mailing address is different from the one above, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to you at this mailing address.	County If Debtor 2's mailing address is different from yours, fill it in here. Note that the court will send any notices to this mailing address.		
		Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code	Number, P.O. Box, Street, City, State & ZIP Code		
6.	Why you are choosing this district to file for bankruptcy	Check one:	Check one: Over the last 180 days before filing this petition. I		
bank uptoy		Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.	Over the last 180 days before filing this petition, I have lived in this district longer than in any other district.		
		☐ I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)	I have another reason. Explain. (See 28 U.S.C. § 1408.)		

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	t 2: Tell the Court About	rour B	ankruptcy Ca	se				
7.	The chapter of the Bankruptcy Code you are	Check one. (For a brief description of each, see Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)). Also, go to the top of page 1 and check the appropriate box.						
	choosing to file under	Chapter 7						
		□с	hapter 11					
		□с	hapter 12					
		□с	hapter 13					
			•					
8.	How you will pay the fee	I will pay the entire fee when I file my petition. Please check with the clerk's office in your local court for more details about how you may pay. Typically, if you are paying the fee yourself, you may pay with cash, cashier's check, or money order. If your attorney is submitting your payment on your behalf, your attorney may pay with a credit card or check with						
			a pre-printed a	the fee in installments. If y	ou choos	e this option, sign	and attach the Applica	ation for Individuals to Pay
		_	The Filing Fee	e in Installments (Official For	m 103A).		.,	·
			but is not requapplies to you	t my fee be waived (You ma uired to, waive your fee, and r family size and you are un to Have the Chapter 7 Filir	may do so able to pa	o only if your incor y the fee in install	me is less than 150% oments). If you choose t	of the official poverty line that this option, you must fill out
9.	Have you filed for bankruptcy within the last 8 years?	□ No						
	•			Northern District of				
			District	Illinois, Eastern	When	10/28/16	Case number	16B 33151-Chapter 7
			District	Division	_	10/20/10		10B 33131-Chapter 7
			District		_ When When	-	Case number	
			District		_ vviieii		Case number	
10.	Are any bankruptcy	■ No	0					
	cases pending or being filed by a spouse who is not filing this case with you, or by a business partner, or by an affiliate?	□ Ye	9 S.					
			Debtor				Relationship to y	/ou
			District		_ When		Case number, if	known
			Debtor				Relationship to y	/ou
			District		When		Case number, if	known
11.	Do you rent your	■ No	Go to li	ne 12.				
	residence?	□ Ye	es. Has yo	ur landlord obtained an evict	ion judgm	ent against you a	nd do you want to stay	in your residence?
				No. Go to line 12.				
				Yes. Fill out <i>Initial Statemen</i> bankruptcy petition.	t About ai	n Eviction Judgme	ent Against You (Form	101A) and file it with this

Document Page 4 of 22 Case number (if known) Debtor 1 Joann Smith Part 3: Report About Any Businesses You Own as a Sole Proprietor 12. Are you a sole proprietor of any full- or part-time No. Go to Part 4. business? Name and location of business ☐ Yes. A sole proprietorship is a business you operate as Name of business, if any an individual, and is not a separate legal entity such as a corporation, partnership, or LLC. Number, Street, City, State & ZIP Code If you have more than one sole proprietorship, use a separate sheet and attach it to this petition. Check the appropriate box to describe your business: Health Care Business (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(27A)) Single Asset Real Estate (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B)) Stockbroker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(53A)) Commodity Broker (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(6)) None of the above 13. Are you filing under If you are filing under Chapter 11, the court must know whether you are a small business debtor so that it can set appropriate Chapter 11 of the deadlines. If you indicate that you are a small business debtor, you must attach your most recent balance sheet, statement of Bankruptcy Code and are operations, cash-flow statement, and federal income tax return or if any of these documents do not exist, follow the procedure you a small business in 11 U.S.C. 1116(1)(B). debtor? I am not filing under Chapter 11. No. For a definition of small business debtor, see 11 I am filing under Chapter 11, but I am NOT a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy □ No. U.S.C. § 101(51D). I am filing under Chapter 11 and I am a small business debtor according to the definition in the Bankruptcy Code. ☐ Yes. Part 4: Report if You Own or Have Any Hazardous Property or Any Property That Needs Immediate Attention 14. Do you own or have any ■ No. property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat ☐ Yes. of imminent and What is the hazard? identifiable hazard to public health or safety? Or do you own any If immediate attention is property that needs immediate attention? needed, why is it needed?

Number, Street, City, State & Zip Code

Where is the property?

For example, do you own perishable goods, or livestock that must be fed,

or a building that needs urgent repairs?

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Part 5: Explain Your Efforts to Receive a Briefing About Credit Counseling

Tell the court whether you have received a briefing about credit counseling.

The law requires that you receive a briefing about credit counseling before you file for bankruptcy. You must truthfully check one of the following choices. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file.

If you file anyway, the court can dismiss your case, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors can begin collection activities again.

About Debtor 1:

You must check one:

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

I certify that I asked for credit counseling services from an approved agency, but was unable to obtain those services during the 7 days after I made my request, and exigent circumstances merit a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement.

To ask for a 30-day temporary waiver of the requirement, attach a separate sheet explaining what efforts you made to obtain the briefing, why you were unable to obtain it before you filed for bankruptcy, and what exigent circumstances required you to file this case.

Your case may be dismissed if the court is dissatisfied with your reasons for not receiving a briefing before you filed for bankruptcy. If the court is satisfied with your reasons, you must still receive a briefing within 30 days after you file. You must file a certificate from the approved agency, along with a copy of the payment plan you developed, if any. If you do not do so, your case may be dismissed.

Any extension of the 30-day deadline is granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days.

☐ I am not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling because of:

☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver credit counseling with the court.

About Debtor 2 (Spouse Only in a Joint Case):

You must check one:

□ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, and I received a certificate of completion.

Attach a copy of the certificate and the payment plan, if any, that you developed with the agency.

☐ I received a briefing from an approved credit counseling agency within the 180 days before I filed this bankruptcy petition, but I do not have a certificate of completion.

Within 14 days after you file this bankruptcy petition, you MUST file a copy of the certificate and payment plan, if any.

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☐ Incapacity.

I have a mental illness or a mental deficiency that makes me incapable of realizing or making rational decisions about finances.

☐ Disability.

My physical disability causes me to be unable to participate in a briefing in person, by phone, or through the internet, even after I reasonably tried to do so.

☐ Active duty.

I am currently on active military duty in a military combat zone.

If you believe you are not required to receive a briefing about credit counseling, you must file a motion for waiver of credit counseling with the court.

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Part	6: Answer These Quest	ions for Re	porting Purposes				
16.	What kind of debts do you have?	16a.	Are your debts primarily consumer debts? Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." ☐ No. Go to line 16b.				
			Yes. Go to line 17.				
		16b.	Are your debts primarily business debts? Business debts are debts that you incurred to obtain money for a business or investment or through the operation of the business or investment.				
			☐ No. Go to line 16c.				
			☐ Yes. Go to line 17.				
		16c.	State the type of debts yo	u owe that are not cons	sumer debts or bus	iness debts	
17.	Are you filing under Chapter 7?	□ No.	I am not filing under Chap	oter 7. Go to line 18.			
	Do you estimate that after any exempt property is excluded and	■ Yes.	I am filing under Chapter are paid that funds will be				administrative expenses
	administrative expenses		■ No				
	are paid that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors?		☐ Yes				
18.	How many Creditors do you estimate that you owe?	■ 1-49 □ 50-99		□ 1,000-5,00 □ 5001-10,0		□ 25,001-50,0 □ 50,001-100,	
		☐ 100-19 ☐ 200-99		□ 10,001-25	5,000	☐ More than 10	00,000
19.	How much do you estimate your assets to be worth?	□ \$100,0	50,000 11 - \$100,000 101 - \$500,000 101 - \$1 million	□ \$10,000,0 □ \$50,000,0	11 - \$10 million 101 - \$50 million 101 - \$100 million 1001 - \$500 million	\$10,000,000	,001 - \$10 billion 0,001 - \$50 billion
20.	How much do you estimate your liabilities to be?	□ \$100,0	50,000 01 - \$100,000 101 - \$500,000 101 - \$1 million	□ \$10,000,0 □ \$50,000,0	11 - \$10 million 101 - \$50 million 101 - \$100 million 1001 - \$500 million	□ \$10,000,00	0,001 - \$10 billion 00,001 - \$50 billion
Part	7: Sign Below						
For	you	I have examined this petition, and I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided is true and correct.					
			hosen to file under Chapte ates Code. I understand th				
		documen	ney represents me and I d , I have obtained and read	the notice required by	11 U.S.C. § 342(b).	me fill out this
		I request	relief in accordance with th	e chapter of title 11, Ur	nited States Code,	specified in this petition.	
		Joann S			Signature of De	ebtor 2	
		Executed			Executed on	MM / DD / YOO/	
			MM / DD / YYYY			MM / DD / YYYY	

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For your attorney, if you are represented by one

If you are not represented by an attorney, you do not need to file this page. I, the attorney for the debtor(s) named in this petition, declare that I have informed the debtor(s) about eligibility to proceed under Chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each chapter for which the person is eligible. I also certify that I have delivered to the debtor(s) the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) and, in a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, certify that I have no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules filed with the petition is incorrect.

/s/ Raffy A	. Kaplan	Date	April 20, 2017
Signature of	Attorney for Debtor		MM / DD / YYYY
Raffy A. K	aplan		
	nkruptcy Firm, LLC		
Firm name			
25 East W	ashington St		
Suite 1501			
Chicago, I	L 60602		
Number, Street,	City, State & ZIP Code		
Contact phone	(312) 294-8989	Email address	rkaplan@financialrelief.com
6275234			
Bar number & S	tate		

Notice Required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b) for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy (Form 2010)

This notice is for you if:

You are an individual filing for bankruptcy, and

Your debts are primarily consumer debts. Consumer debts are defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose."

The types of bankruptcy that are available to individuals

Individuals who meet the qualifications may file under one of four different chapters of Bankruptcy Code:

Chapter 7 - Liquidation

Chapter 11 - Reorganization

Chapter 12 - Voluntary repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

Chapter 13 - Voluntary repayment plan for individuals with regular income

You should have an attorney review your decision to file for bankruptcy and the choice of chapter.

Chapter 7:	Liquidation
\$245	filing fee
\$75	administrative fee
+ \$15	trustee surcharge
\$335	total fee

Chapter 7 is for individuals who have financial difficulty preventing them from paying their debts and who are willing to allow their nonexempt property to be used to pay their creditors. The primary purpose of filing under chapter 7 is to have your debts discharged. The bankruptcy discharge relieves you after bankruptcy from having to pay many of your pre-bankruptcy debts. Exceptions exist for particular debts, and liens on property may still be enforced after discharge. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

However, if the court finds that you have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge.

You should know that even if you file chapter 7 and you receive a discharge, some debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible to pay:

most taxes;

most student loans;

domestic support and property settlement obligations;

most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; and

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers.

You may also be required to pay debts arising from:

fraud or theft;

fraud or defalcation while acting in breach of fiduciary capacity;

intentional injuries that you inflicted; and

death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs.

If your debts are primarily consumer debts, the court can dismiss your chapter 7 case if it finds that you have enough income to repay creditors a certain amount. You must file *Chapter 7 Statement of Your Current Monthly Income* (Official Form 122A–1) if you are an individual filing for bankruptcy under chapter 7. This form will determine your current monthly income and compare whether your income is more than the median income that applies in your state.

If your income is not above the median for your state, you will not have to complete the other chapter 7 form, the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2).

If your income is above the median for your state, you must file a second form —the *Chapter 7 Means Test Calculation* (Official Form 122A–2). The calculations on the form— sometimes called the *Means Test*—deduct from your income living expenses and payments on certain debts to determine any amount available to pay unsecured creditors. If

your income is more than the median income for your state of residence and family size, depending on the results of the *Means Test*, the U.S. trustee, bankruptcy administrator, or creditors can file a motion to dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Bankruptcy Code. If a motion is filed, the court will decide if your case should be dismissed. To avoid dismissal, you may choose to proceed under another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code.

If you are an individual filing for chapter 7 bankruptcy, the trustee may sell your property to pay your debts, subject to your right to exempt the property or a portion of the proceeds from the sale of the property. The property, and the proceeds from property that your bankruptcy trustee sells or liquidates that you are entitled to, is called *exempt property*. Exemptions may enable you to keep your home, a car, clothing, and household items or to receive some of the proceeds if the property is sold.

Exemptions are not automatic. To exempt property, you must list it on *Schedule C: The Property You Claim as Exempt* (Official Form 106C). If you do not list the property, the trustee may sell it and pay all of the proceeds to your creditors.

Chapter 11: Reorganization

\$1,167 filing fee

+ \$550 administrative fee

\$1,717 total fee

Chapter 11 is often used for reorganizing a business, but is also available to individuals. The provisions of chapter 11 are too complicated to summarize briefly.

Read These Important Warnings

Because bankruptcy can have serious long-term financial and legal consequences, including loss of your property, you should hire an attorney and carefully consider all of your options before you file. Only an attorney can give you legal advice about what can happen as a result of filing for bankruptcy and what your options are. If you do file for bankruptcy, an attorney can help you fill out the forms properly and protect you, your family, your home, and your possessions.

Although the law allows you to represent yourself in bankruptcy court, you should understand that many people find it difficult to represent themselves successfully. The rules are technical, and a mistake or inaction may harm you. If you file without an attorney, you are still responsible for knowing and following all of the legal requirements.

You should not file for bankruptcy if you are not eligible to file or if you do not intend to file the necessary documents.

Bankruptcy fraud is a serious crime; you could be fined and imprisoned if you commit fraud in your bankruptcy case. Making a false statement, concealing property, or obtaining money or property by fraud in connection with a bankruptcy case can result in fines up to \$250,000, or imprisonment for up to 20 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 1341, 1519, and 3571.

Chapter 12: Repayment plan for family farmers or fishermen

	\$200	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$275	total fee

Similar to chapter 13, chapter 12 permits family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time using future earnings and to discharge some debts that are not paid.

Chapter 13: Repayment plan for individuals with regular income

	\$235	filing fee
+	\$75	administrative fee
	\$310	total fee

Chapter 13 is for individuals who have regular income and would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time and to discharge some debts that are not paid. You are eligible for chapter 13 only if your debts are not more than certain dollar amounts set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 109.

Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, usually using your future earnings. If the court approves your plan, the court will allow you to repay your debts, as adjusted by the plan, within 3 years or 5 years, depending on your income and other factors.

After you make all the payments under your plan, many of your debts are discharged. The debts that are not discharged and that you may still be responsible to pay include:

domestic support obligations,

most student loans,

certain taxes,

debts for fraud or theft,

debts for fraud or defalcation while acting in a fiduciary capacity,

most criminal fines and restitution obligations,

certain debts that are not listed in your bankruptcy papers,

certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury, and

certain long-term secured debts.

Warning: File Your Forms on Time

Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information about your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. The court may dismiss your bankruptcy case if you do not file this information within the deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

For more information about the documents and their deadlines, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/bkforms/bankruptcy_forms.html#procedure.

Bankruptcy crimes have serious consequences

If you knowingly and fraudulently conceal assets or make a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury—either orally or in writing—in connection with a bankruptcy case, you may be fined, imprisoned, or both.

All information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the U.S. Trustee, the Office of the U.S. Attorney, and other offices and employees of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Make sure the court has your mailing address

The bankruptcy court sends notices to the mailing address you list on *Voluntary Petition for Individuals Filing for Bankruptcy* (Official Form 101). To ensure that you receive information about your case, Bankruptcy Rule 4002 requires that you notify the court of any changes in your address.

A married couple may file a bankruptcy case together—called a *joint case*. If you file a joint case and each spouse lists the same mailing address on the bankruptcy petition, the bankruptcy court generally will mail you and your spouse one copy of each notice, unless you file a statement with the court asking that each spouse receive separate copies.

Understand which services you could receive from credit counseling agencies

The law generally requires that you receive a credit counseling briefing from an approved credit counseling agency. 11 U.S.C. § 109(h). If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must receive the briefing. With limited exceptions, you must receive it within the 180 days *before* you file your bankruptcy petition. This briefing is usually conducted by telephone or on the Internet.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, you generally must complete a financial management instructional course before you can receive a discharge. If you are filing a joint case, both spouses must complete the course.

You can obtain the list of agencies approved to provide both the briefing and the instructional course from: http://justice.gov/ust/eo/hapcpa/ccde/cc_approved.html

In Alabama and North Carolina, go to: http://www.uscourts.gov/FederalCourts/Bankruptcy/Bankruptcy/BankruptcyResources/ApprovedCredit AndDebtCounselors.aspx.

If you do not have access to a computer, the clerk of the bankruptcy court may be able to help you obtain the list. Case 17-12367 Doc 1 Filed 04/20/17 Entered 04/20/17 08:07:20 Desc Main Document Page 12 of 22

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United States Bankruptcy CourtNorthern District of Illinois

In re	Joann Smith		Case No.	
		Debtor(s)	Chapter	7
	DISCLOSURE OF COMPEN	NSATION OF ATTO	RNEY FOR D	EBTOR(S)
(Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Fed. Bankr. P. 2016(compensation paid to me within one year before the filing per rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of	g of the petition in bankruptcy	y, or agreed to be pai	d to me, for services rendered or to
	For legal services, I have agreed to accept		\$	100.00
	Prior to the filing of this statement I have received			100.00
	Balance Due		\$	0.00
2. 5	335.00 of the filing fee has been paid.			
3.	The source of the compensation paid to me was:			
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):			
4.	The source of compensation to be paid to me is:			
	■ Debtor □ Other (specify):			
5.	■ I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compe	ensation with any other person	n unless they are mer	mbers and associates of my law firm.
	☐ I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensa copy of the agreement, together with a list of the name			
6.	In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to rea	nder legal service for all aspec	cts of the bankruptcy	case, including:
l o	 Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and render Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, state Representation of the debtor at the meeting of credito [Other provisions as needed] Negotiations with secured creditors for repursuant to 11 USC 522(f)(2)(A) for avoid 	ement of affairs and plan which rs and confirmation hearing, a reaffirmations; exemption	th may be required; and any adjourned he n planning; prepar	earings thereof;
7.]	By agreement with the debtor(s), the above-disclosed fee Redemptions under 11 U.S.C. 722, repres avoidances, relief from stay actions, any	sentation of the debtors i	n any dischargea	
		CERTIFICATION		
	certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any ankruptcy proceeding.	agreement or arrangement for	or payment to me for	representation of the debtor(s) in
Α	pril 20, 2017	/s/ Raffy A. Kapl	an	
	ate	Raffy A. Kaplan Signature of Attorn Kaplan Bankrup 25 East Washing Suite 1501 Chicago, IL 6060	6275234 ney otcy Firm, LLC gton St 02 Fax: (312) 294-899	95

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PRE-PETITION ENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Joann Smith

(the "Client" or "you") hereby engages and retains Kaplan Bankruptcy Firm, L.L.C., a debt relief agency and law firm (the "Law Firm"), solely to represent the Client to: (i) evaluate the Client's financial circumstances; (ii) to explain to the Client the Client's options which may be available to the Client considering such financial circumstances including but not limited to the filing with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court a petition (the "Petition") for relief under chapter 7 or chapter 13 of Title 11 U.S.C. (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Illinois (Client's "Bankruptcy Case"); (iii) if the Client after consultation with the Law Firm determines it is in the Client's best interests to file a Petition for a chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case, file said Petition on behalf of the Client, in which case the Law Firm shall not perform any additional work for the Client after filing said Petition; and (iv) if the Client after consultation with the Law Firm determines it is in the Client's best interests to file a Petition for a chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case, file said Petition and prosecute and conclude said chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case on behalf of the Client. If a Petition is filed for a chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case on behalf of the Client, and the Client thereafter chooses in the Client's sole discretion to engage the Law Firm by entering into a post-petition engagement agreement with the Law Firm ("Post-Petition Engagement Agreement") to prosecute the Client's chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case, the Post-Petition Engagement Agreement would provide for the Law Firm to prosecute and conclude Client's Bankruptcy Case for fees, costs and expenses incurred subsequent to the filing of the Petition all as provided in the Post-Petition Engagement Agreement; if the Client does not enter into a Post-Petition Engagement Agreement with the Law Firm in connection with Client's chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case, the Client may choose at its sole discretion to engage other legal counsel to prosecute the Client's Bankruptcy Case, represent itself on a pro se basis to prosecute the Client's Bankruptcy Case or abandon the Client's Bankruptcy Case, and in any such event the Client hereby agrees and acknowledges that the Client will not oppose the Law Firm from withdrawing as the Client's attorney in connection with the Client's chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case.

Article 1. The Law Firm's Duties

1.1 The Law Firm shall investigate and advise the Client regarding its interests. The Client understands and acknowledges to the Law Firm that the Client's Bankruptcy

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1.2 The Law Firm is specifically under no obligation to prosecute or to defend any appeal or adversary action by reason of this Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement.

Article 2. Fees and Expenses

2.1 Chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case: If the Client chooses in the Client's sole discretion after consultation with the Law Firm to file a Petition for a chapter 7 Bankruptcy Case, the Client shall pay to the Law Firm, prior to the Law Firm commencing any work on the Client's behalf, professional fees, in the amount of \$100.00 (Client's Initials:

). These professional fees do not include court costs payable by the Client in the amount of \$335.00, or such other amount of court costs as shall be established under the Bankruptcy Code or rules promulgated thereunder from time to time.

with the Client to discuss the Client's financial condition and possible solutions. For a chapter 13 bankruptcy case only, the professional fees indicated above also include: (i) preparing, filing and amending the Client's bankruptcy schedules and all documents required to be filed by the Bankruptcy Code; appearing at the Client's 341 Meeting of Creditors; (ii) processing reaffirmation agreements with the Client's secured creditors; (iii) providing the sections 342(b)(1), 527 and 521 notices which are attached hereto; and (iv) and corresponding with the Trustee assigned to the case; these chapter 13 fees expressly do not include any obligation on the Law Firm to prosecute or defend any and/or all contested motions and/or any and all adversary proceedings ("Additional Services"), which may arise as a result of the Client's chapter 13 Bankruptcy Case; and anything herein to the contrary, both the Law Firm and the Client will endeavor to be fair and reasonable with each other in all billing matters.

2.4 All retainers described herein, including all future retainers, are expressly agreed to be "advance payment retainers" as described in In re: Production Associates, Ltd. 264 B.R. 180 (Bkrtcy. N.D.III 2001) and Dowling v. Chicago Options Associates, Inc., 2007 WL 128879 (III.). The Law Firm will commingle the retainer and any future retainer immediately upon receipt with their general funds being obligated only to refund an amount equal to the unearned portion thereof, if any, promptly after the termination of the Law Firm's services. Ordinarily, Client has the option to request that the retainer be considered a "security retainer" where Client continues to have an interest in the funds, but Client recognizes and agrees that the Law Firm would not undertake the representation on that basis. The Law Firm is obligated by the Dowling case to advise Client of the reason they would decline to represent Client on a security retainer basis, and that reason is the Law Firm does not desire to potentially compete with the creditors of the Client on a security retainer basis.

2.5 Compensation will be paid to the Law Firm at their customary hourly rates for all Additional Services (including all para-professional staff) as they exist from time to time. The rates are currently \$300 per hour for attorney's time, and \$95 per hour for para-professional's time. In addition, if for any reason the attorney-client relationship is terminated by either of the Parties, then upon such termination the Law Firm will prepare an accounting and forward the same to the Client and charge the Client on an

2.3 The professional fees indicated above include consulting Page 14 of 22 fourly basis for all time expended by the Law Firm up until with the Client to discuss the Client's financial condition and possible solutions. For a chapter 13 bankruptcy case only,

2.6 All expenses incurred, and disbursements made by the Law Firm on the Client's behalf in connection with this matter will be payable by the Client in addition to the professional fees. Such expenses typically include, but are not limited to: tax transcripts, credit reports, long distance telephone calls, photocopying, messengers, and regular and electronic mail services. The foregoing list is by way of example only, and the omission of any charge, expense, or disbursement from said list is not intended as a limitation for such possible charges. The Law Firm will generally bill the Client for such costs once a month unless the costs incurred are so insignificant as not to justify a billing. In the case of any cost the Law Firm deem exceptional in their sole discretion, the Law Firm may request payment in advance or payment directly from the Client to the provider.

2.7 If the Client specifically objects in writing to any charge appearing on any bill rendered by the Law Firm, the Client will pay within one month of the date of any bill any and all charges to which the Client does not specifically object in writing. The Law Firm is always willing to discuss its charges with the Client, but the Client agrees that any fee or expense in regard to which the Client does not object in writing to the Law Firm within one month of the date thereof shall constitute an "account stated" and the Client shall no longer be entitled to dispute the same. The reason for setting this deadline is to keep any objections (and the memories that underlie them for all the Parties) from becoming stale, and to encourage the Client to bring any billing controversies to the Law Firm's attention as soon as possible to foster a speedy resolution thereof.

2.8 The Client hereby acknowledges that the Chapter 13 Trustee may, at its sole discretion, request the turnover of Client's post-petition tax returns and tax refunds each year the case is active. The Client acknowledges that the entire amount of the yearly tax refunds may be payable to the Trustee *in addition* to the minimum amount proposed to repay creditors in Client's confirmed Chapter 13 Plan.

Article 3. The Law Firm's Authority To Act

3.1 In matters of professional responsibility, the Law Firm shall act in their own discretion as they deem proper under the applicable rules of court and the Illinois Code of Professional Responsibility and the Rules of any Court in

Case 17-12367 Doc 1 Filed 04/20/17 Entered 04/20/17 08:07:20 Desc Main which the case is prosecuted, and without all meetion Page the client regarding the same. The Client acknowledges from the Client.

- 3.2 The Client recognizes that the Law Firm possesses special skills and training in legal matters which the Client does not possess or are beyond the Client's knowledge and skill. Accordingly, where and to the extent appropriate, the Law Firm shall take direction from the Client upon the Client's written demand but only where and to the extent the same do not impinge upon the Law Firm's professional responsibilities and legal judgment, or where a full consultation with the Client regarding the same is not practical given relevant circumstances and/or timing.
- 3.3 Nothing herein shall be construed to limit the Law Firm's responsibilities under the Illinois Code of Professional Responsibility, but it is the Parties' desire that the provisions hereof be interpreted to the greatest extent possible to conform to said Illinois Code of Professional Responsibility.

Article 4. Contract Construction

- 4.1 This Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement shall be construed under a rule of reasonableness at the time it was entered, examining any provision thereof with a mind that the Parties hereto were acting in good faith and without oppression, attempting to reach a fair and equitable means on which the Law Firm could pursue the Client's Interests for the Client
- 4.2 This Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement shall be construed according to the laws of the State of Illinois and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of any State Court in the Circuit Court of Cook County.
- 4.3 Subject to any rule, procedure or court order that is adopted by the courts in this jurisdiction which are expressly incorporated by reference into this Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement and made a part hereof, the Parties acknowledge that this Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement embodies the full understanding of the Parties hereto and is a fully integrated agreement that may only be altered or amended by a writing signed by both Parties.

Article 5. Legal Advice Regarding This **Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement**

5.1 The Law Firm is not representing the Client regarding the Client entering into this Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement, nor is the Law Firm rendering any legal advice

that the Law Firm has recommended to and advised the

Client that the Client should retain the Client's own independent legal advice from legal counsel other than the Law Firm regarding the Clients entering into this Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement with the Law Firm, and that the Client has indeed obtained such independent legal advice or has knowingly waived the Client's right, and the Firm's advice to the Client, to obtain such independent advice from legal counsel other than the Firm.

Article 6. General; Client Disclosures

- 6.1 Either party may terminate Client's engagement of the Law Firm but only by giving written notice to the other party at the designated or last known address of the party receiving such termination notice, subject in the case of the Firm terminating engagement to the Firm's compliance with any applicable rules or codes of professional ethics and responsibilities.
- 6.2 In addition to paying the Firm's fees and all other costs set forth in the Pre-Petition Engagement Agreement, the Client also agrees: to carry out all of the Client's obligations pursuant to section 521 of the Bankruptcy Code; to provide the Law Firm full, honest and accurate disclosures of all the Client's assets, liabilities and financial information; to notify the Law Firm of any change or anticipated change in the Client's circumstances; and to comply with applicable law.
- 6.3 Disclosure Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. &527(a)(2).
 - a) All information that you are required to provide with a petition and thereafter during a case under the Bankruptcy Code is required to be complete, accurate, and truthful. This is solely your responsibility.
 - b) All assets and all liabilities are required to be completely and accurately disclosed in the documents filed to commence the case. The Bankruptcy Code requires that you list the replacement value of each asset. This must be the replacement value of the property at the date of filing the petition, without deducting for costs of sale or marketing, established after a reasonable inquiry. For property acquired for personal, family or household use, replacement value means the price a retail merchant would charge for property of that kind, considering the age and condition of the property. This is solely your responsibility.

- c) The following information, which appears ont Official Form 22, Statement of Current Monthly Income is required to be stated after the reasonable inquiry: current monthly income, the amounts specified in section 707(b)(2), and, in a case under chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code, disposable income (determined in accordance with section 707(b)(2). This is solely your responsibility.
- d) Information that you provide during your case may be audited pursuant to provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Failure to provide such information may result in dismissal of the case under this title or other sanction, including criminal sanctions. This is solely your responsibility.
- e) By signing below, you acknowledge that the Law Firm has fully explained your obligations set forth above to you, you have had the opportunity to ask the Law Firm questions and receive answers about such obligations and you fully understand your obligations set forth above.

Article 7. Required Disclosures

7.1 Under the bankruptcy laws, the Client is required to take a Credit Counseling Course prior to the filing of the Client's bankruptcy petition and a Financial Management Course prior to the discharge of the Client's bankruptcy. If the Client fails to complete these courses the Client's bankruptcy discharge will be denied.

7.2 Section 527 of the Bankruptcy Code requires a debt relief agency to provide an assisted person with the following: A copy of the notice prepared by the clerk of the Bankruptcy Court, in accordance with the requirements of § 342(b), which the Client has been shown at the Client's initial consultation and which contains a brief description of Chapters 7, 11, 12, and 13 and the general purpose, benefits, and costs of proceeding under each of those chapters; and the types of services available from credit counseling agencies; specifying that a person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury in connection with a case under this title shall be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both; and that all information supplied by a debtor in connection with a case under this title is subject to examination by the Attorney General.

7.3 All information that the assisted person is required to provide with a petition and thereafter during a case under

Pagen16 is required to be complete, accurate, and truthful; all assets and all liabilities are required to be completely and accurately disclosed in the documents filed to commence the case, and the replacement value of each asset as defined in § 506 must be stated in those documents where requested after reasonable inquiry to establish such value; current monthly income, the amounts specified in section 707(b)(2), and, in a case under Chapter 13 of this title, disposable income (determined in accordance with § 707(b)(2)) are required to be stated after reasonable inquiry; and information that an assisted person provides during his or her case may be audited pursuant to this title, and failure to provide such information may result in dismissal of the case under this title or other sanction, including a criminal sanction.

7.4 If you decide to seek bankruptcy relief, you can represent yourself, you can hire an attorney to represent you, or you can get help in some localities from a bankruptcy petition preparer who is not an attorney. The law requires an attorney or bankruptcy petition preparer to give you a written contract specifying what the attorney or bankruptcy petition preparer will do for you and how much it will cost. Obtain a copy of and carefully review the contract before you hire anyone. The following information explains what must be done in a routine bankruptcy case to help you evaluate how much service you need. Before filing a bankruptcy case, either you or your attorney should analyze your eligibility for different forms of debt relief available under the Bankruptcy Code and decide which form of relief is most likely to be beneficial for you. Be sure you understand the relief you can obtain and its limitations. To file a bankruptcy case, documents must be prepared correctly and filed with the bankruptcy court. You will have to pay a filing fee to the bankruptcy court. Once your case starts, you must attend the required first meeting of creditors, where you may be questioned by a court official called a "trustee" and by creditors. If you choose to file a Chapter 7 case, you may be asked by a creditor to reaffirm a debt. You may want help deciding whether to do so. A creditor is not permitted to coerce you into reaffirming your debts. If you choose to file a Chapter 13 case, in which you repay your creditors what you can afford over 3 to 5 years, you may also want help preparing your Chapter 13 plan and with the confirmation hearing on your plan, which will be before a bankruptcy judge. If you select another type of relief under the Bankruptcy Code other than Chapter 7 or Chapter 13, you should consult someone familiar with that type of relief. Your bankruptcy case may also involve litigation. You are generally permitted to represent yourself in litigation in bankruptcy court, but only lawyers, not

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7.5 You must accurately disclose your average monthly income and expenses. To compile your income refer to recent paystubs accounting for all income. Review your monthly expenditures and make your best estimate on cash expenditures. If you are required to pass a "means test" because of your income, your estimated monthly expenses will be based upon IRS allowances based on the area in which you live. If your expenses exceed the allotted amounts, you may need to make adjustments accordingly. When you value your property, consider the prices for housing in your area, in newspapers for automobiles, and what you would pay for furniture and clothes at stores selling such goods. If you have an item of unique or special value, an appraisal may be necessary. When listing creditors, base information concerning the creditor on the most current bill or invoice. Some of your property is exempt and may be retained according to the exemptions that the Law Firm has reviewed at your consultation. If a creditor has a lien on exempt property, the lien may be avoidable, or you may have to pay to keep the property.

AGREED AND ACKNOWLEDGED BY CLIENT:

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Date: 20 20 20 17

JOINT DEBTOR:

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